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Commissioner Jane E. Henney  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

In response to Greenpeace's lawsuit, the European Court of Justice is deciding whether genetically engineered corn should be withheld from the market in France.. Greenpeace says genetically engineered food ushers in an era of biological pollution. Novartis corn (named for the producer) kills insects, including beneficial ones, and withstands a toxic weed killer called glufosmate.

Scientists warn that GE foods might produce allergic reactions, lower nutritional levels or even create toxins when unrelated genes are added to plants. " Sooner or later", warns Professor David Ehrenfeld of Rutgers University, " Some of these new substances will cause a serious reaction".

Consumers should have the right to choose for themselves whether they want to be exposed to these new foods.

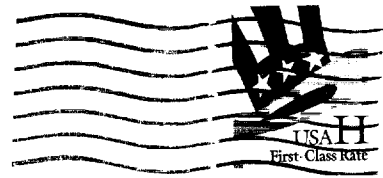
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